

**Remarks/Arguments**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**I. Status of the Claims**

After entry of this amendment, claims Claims 1-13 and 15 are pending. Claim 14 is canceled. Claim 15 is amended to recite a method of treating Alzheimer's Disease.

**II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph**

Method of treatment claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, on the grounds of lack of enablement. The Examiner states that the specification "is not enabled for the prevention or halting of Alzheimer's Disease." At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites U.S. Pat. No. 7,067,507, to Pyulley et al.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that claim 15 is not enabled. Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution, claim 15 is amended to delete "preventing, controlling, ameliorating or reducing the risk" of Alzheimer's Disease. Claim 15 as now presented recites a method of treating Alzheimer's Disease. In view of the action taken, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

**III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as indefinite as "unclear as to its intended scope."

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that claim 14 is indefinite. Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution, claim 14 is canceled, thereby obviating the rejection. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 14 in a continuing application.

**IV. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement that claims 1-13 are allowable. In view of the cancellation of claim 14 and the amendment to claim 15, all pending claims 1-13 and 15 are allowable.

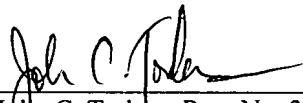
V. **Conclusion**

In view of the action taken, all pending claims 1-13 and 15 are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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